

Myself as well as over a million other listeners benefit greatly from the traffic and weather channels that XM Radio offers in their channel line up. It has only been a few months since they started broadcasting local traffic and weather and I can't begin to tell you what the benefits are, but I'll try. I drive a company vehicle five or six days a week in the Dallas, Ft. Worth area and traffic can get pretty terrible here. Since XM Radio started broadcasting local traffic reports for DFW, I have saved hours of my time and company time by not sitting in a traffic jam, not to mention the gallons upon gallons of gas I have not burned up. We all know that air pollution is a problem and the less gas we burn up, well it just keeps the air from getting that much dirtier. My customers are happy because it helps me to never be late for appointments and my boss is happy because it keeps our departments payroll and fuel bill down. The difference between XM traffic broadcast and local radio traffic broadcast is that it is a continual broadcast. I don't have to listen to 15-20 minutes of music or talk radio to get a traffic report. I can tune my receiver and immediately know which roads and highways to avoid. This quality is unmatched by anyone. I pay for this service out of my hard earned money and it is my right as an adult american to choose what I want to listen to and to not have someone telling me what I can't hear. If it were a free service, I might understand. I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 because it interferes with the first amendment rights of XM-Radio and in whole, it is UN-AMERICAN!